IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Second full paragraph of specification page 21 with the following replacement paragraph:

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Two disks is the minimum redundancy needed to allow recovery from two disk failures; therefore, the uniform and symmetric double failure-correcting technique described herein is optimal in the amount of redundant (parity) information stored. Any of the disks within the uniform and symmetric double failure-correcting array can be used to store redundant information within a stripe, since the uniform and symmetric parity algorithm (e.g., the SRD algorithm) can recover from any two or fewer disk failures in the array. Any two disks can be selected to store redundant information and all the remaining disks store data. As a result, the SRD algorithm incorporates all properties of uniformity so that the algorithm can advantageously apply to various parity distribution techniques such as, e.g., dynamic and/or semi-static distribution described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/700,227(112056-143) titled *Dynamic Parity Distribution Technique* and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/720,364(112056-172) titled *Semi-Static Distribution Technique*, respectively.

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